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CONQUER POLIO

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Polio Questions and Answers

Q. Is polio still most prevalent among young people?

A. Yes, today about three out of every four diagnosed cases of polio occur in persons 19 years of age or younger.

Q. Where was the first serious polio epidemic in the United States?

A. In Vermont in 1894.

Q. Is polio confined mostly to the United States?

A. No. Polio is a world-wide disease and cases have been reported on every continent.

Q. Must families pay back the money given them for polio care by the March of Dimes?

A. No.

Q. Who is eligible for March of Dimes aid?

A. Every American stricken with polio who needs help is eligible for March of Dimes aid.

Q. How widespread can polio virus be?

A. Doctors believe that during an epidemic there are 100 or more "healthy carriers" of polio virus for every person who is actually ill with the disease.

From the 1956 March of Dimes High School Press Sheet—The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Classes Choose IRL Officers

Organization of the International Relations league has begun. Although the presiding officers of the club have not been chosen, each period of Sophomore social science and Junior American history classes has chosen a general chairman, secretary, and program chairman to preside over meetings in each class and to serve as an executive committee when the officers of the club are elected.

Sophomores chosen were: 1st period, Arnold Curtis, Mary Nell Niemi, and Helena Undula; 3rd period, Danny Williams, Linda Blomquist, and Mike Foster; 4th period, Marian Hauke, Linda Williams, and Marie Nephew; 5th period, Sue Rafferty, Julie Johnson, and Karen Egan; 6th period, Colinette Fenander, Dwayne Seborn, and David Taylor.

Juniors elected were: 1st period, Fred Harstrom, Judi Snethen, and Diane Wallar; 2nd period, Mary Kaitera, Gail Mauke, and Eleanor Olson; 4th period, Mike Howell, Myra Vaughan, and Bill Andrus; 5th period, Ed Hall, Kathy Astala, and Keith Kerpela; 6th period, Neil Morfitt, Nancy Reith, and Karen Johnson.

The IRL is a nationwide club whose purpose is to carry on discussion of problems pertaining to international affairs, and the organization and workings of the U.N. All members of the junior and sophomore classes are invited to belong to this club and any other student who is interested may join.

Ben Franklin Anniversary Draws Salute

By NANCY CALIFF

"A penny saved is a penny earned." Remember that? Remember all the other sayings your mother used to tell you when you were small? Remember who wrote those sayings? Ben Franklin, of course, old Ben himself. And I'll bet you'll say to yourself, he was a great man! he invented the lightning rod. That is what most people remember when Benjamin Franklin's name is mentioned.

JACKIE SMITH

Benjamin Franklin gave us bits of American philosophy of today. He wrote some of the most quoted materials of today. Although some may think his aphorisms are stuffy there is another side to Ben Franklin that most people don't see or they skip over.

Ben worked and saved for 20 years until he could retire at 42. Did he retire? He spent the next 20 years as an unpaid lecturer. His life is one of the greatest success stories of the nation. You don't hear much about it though because he didn't make a million dollars like some.

Ben's life is an example of the American success story. His rise from the bottom to the top exemplifies much of American ideals. His life tells the story of America and its rise to be one of the greatest nations of the world. His literature and writings are characteristic of the American people and I doubt if there is one person young or old, who hasn't heard of Old Ben and his Poor Richard's Almanac.

Many people have been influenced and have prospered by the words of Poor Richard. Many of these sayings are just as true today as they were 200 years ago. You and I can profit from Ben Franklin's philosophy of life, we can learn what the really important things in life are. **On this 250th anniversary of his birthday let us salute him!**

In 1944, 12 per cent of all polio patients were adults. Now it's 25 per cent.

Scholarships Available

Many scholarships are available to seniors. The awarding of the scholarships will be based on promise of being able to do well in college, scholarship, the college entrance exam grade, high school academic and extra curricular achievements, leadership and need. Financial need is a small factor and ability is stressed more in most of the scholarships this year.

The General Motors scholarship will be given to at least one student in each state. It is a minimum of $500 and a maximum of $800. This scholarship may be used at almost any college in the United States.

Another outstanding scholarship which is available for boys only, is the **Yale scholarship.** It offers many opportunities. It may be renewed after your freshman year. The college will find you a job and they would like students from all over the United States.

Reed college is offering many scholarships. **Freshman scholarship grants** are awarded solely in recognition of financial need. Grants vary in size from $100 to $700 (with the exception of the **Baker scholarships** which may run as high as $1400 and are for one year only with the opportunity to re-apply at the beginning of the sophomore, junior, and senior years. Student employment is available upon application to the dean of students.

Seniors to Pick Announcements

Buzz, buzz, buzz!!! Seniors are once again whispering among themselves the good and bad points of their sample graduation announcements and cards.

The samples arrived January 6 and the seniors have until today, January 13, to choose the style they would like to use.

The samples have been placed on the bulletin board in the Civics room.

Each year the graduating senior class chooses its own pattern for the class announcements, cards and memory books. Seniors are not obligated to purchase them, although in the past practically the entire class has bought them.

76 Students Make Up JCL

76 A.H.S. students from first and second year Latin classes are members of the national organization, which is made up of local clubs of high school Latin students throughout the United States and its territories.

Promoting the study of the classical languages, Latin and Greek, as well as developing in students an interest and appreciation for the civilization, literature, and art of the classic world, is the purpose of the Junior Classical league.

Officers for the A.H.S. organization include **Susan Rafferty,** president; **Helena Undula,** vice president; **Donna Seborn,** secretary; and **Bill Stanley,** sergeant-at-arms.

Under the advisorship of Mr. Roberts, club meetings are held each Friday, at which members work at individual projects which interest them. An afterglow dance has been the only social event undertaken by the group, but others are planned for the current year.

Of interest to Junior Classical league members is **Torch: U.S.,** a national publication printed three times a year. Sterling silver membership pins are available to those who pay the required dues.

Smith Heads Fisherettes

For the first time in the five-year history of the Astoria high school "fisherettes, there is a student leader. Jackie Smith, a former Fisherette and now a junior, is helping the girls put on their basketball season shows scheduled for January 6 and 27 and March 2 at the Armory.

Jackie likes leading the Fisherettes. She commented "I think it is a lot of fun and if they practice a lot, maybe they'll be able to go to some out of town games. I think they are good and they should go far."

The Fisherettes are a Girls' marching unit composed of 18 sophomores and 17 freshmen as they lack one girl because of the transfer of Glenda Evans.

January Events

13, Astoria vs. Marshfield There.
14, Astoria vs. North Bend There.
18, Astoria vs. Tillamook Here.
21, Astoria vs. Clatskanie There.
25, Report Cards Out.
27, Astoria vs. Central Catholic Here—After Game Dance.
28, YMCA Dance.
31, Astoria vs. Milwaukie There.

Teachers Club Organized At AHS

Newly elected officers of the Future Teachers of America organization at AHS are shown above. They are from left to right: Dennis McNish, president; Emma Mann, secretary; Evelyn Lewis, treasurer and Joe Damiano, vice president. Mrs. Evelyn Egan and Miss Maud Crouter are the club advisers.

An F.T.A. club has recently been organized at Astoria high. With the combined efforts of Mrs. Evelyn Egan, junior English teacher, and Miss Maud Crouter, junior history teacher, 24 teacher-minded students have put the machinery in operation for the Solomon Smith Future Teachers of America club.

Officers Elected

Election of officers was held with the students choosing **Dennis McNish,** president; **Joe Damiano, vice** president; **Evelyn Lewis,** secretary and **Emma Mann,** treasurer.

The purpose of F.T.A. clubs is to guide students who have teaching aptitudes into the profession and to lead those who should not enter teaching into vocations more suited to their abilities. Indirectly, F.T.A. serves another purpose. Even those students who, after F.T.A. experience, decide not to teach usually have an insight into the problem of teachers and the importance of supporting public education.

National Organization

F.T.A. is a national organization with chapters and clubs in most of the states. Each of these clubs holds a group membership in the N.E.A. (National Education Association) and its State Education association. These clubs are pre-professional and exploratory and with the help of sponsors, there are now 1100 clubs whose members are exploring their own abilities to teach and their opportunities in various teaching fields.

Says Dr. Morgan, founder of F.T.A.: "It is our belief that students who have had F.T.A. experience are almost sure to be stronger and more professional teachers—and finer citizens. Many of our alumni are convinced the leaders of our profession tomorrow are in our F.T.A. chapters and clubs today."

Melton Picks Ensembles

Mr. Melton recently held tryouts for the different ensembles that will perform this year for the school, PTA meetings, and various town organizations.

The **Madrigals** is composed of the following: First sopranos, **Phyllis Wilbur** and **Nancy Springer;** second sopranos, **Nancy Reith** and **Georgia Moberg;** altos, **Karen Johnson,** and **Margaret Whitman;** tenors, **Dick Matthews** and **Bob Bentley;** bass, **Lester Miller** and **John Turpeinen.**

A girls group from the mixed chorus includes **Judy Larsen, Marlene Larson,** and **Jusnita Gunnari,** first sopranos; **Linda Blomquist, Sally Peterson,** and **Pat Wilson,** second sopranos; **Delores Fiscola, Saradell Staugland,** and **Helena Unila,** altos.

The Freshman triple trio includes: first sopranos, **Marilyn Takanen, Jeanne Sporre,** and **Sally Sloane;** second sopranos, **Donna White,** and **Ann Storaasli,** and **Joyce Wilson;** altos, **Kristina Purnu, Susan McIntyre,** and **Karen Peterson.**

100 Couples Dance at Ball

Approximately 100 couples danced "Under a Silvery Moon" at the 29th Senior Ball which was presented by the class of '56 on December 23 at Patriot's hall.

To carry out the theme "Under a Silvery Moon" the wintery setting was complete with many snow covered trees, an oversized snowman, a country roadway and bridge houses, and a large lighted Christmas tree, all under the silver moon and star-studded ceiling.

Music by Four Tones Plus Two

Music for the annual event was provided by the Four Tones Plus Two. Leading the grand march was the vice-president of the senior class and general chairman of the dance, Alfred Olsen, followed by other class officers and couples.

Pictures were taken by the Camera club as individual, couples and in a reglish sing.

Patrons and patronesses were the Mr. and Mrs. Carruthers, Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor, Mr. and Mrs. Weatherford, Mrs. Ginn, Mr. and Mrs. Diiro, Mr. and Mrs. Rees, Mr. and Mrs. Palmberg, Mr. and Mrs. C. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs R.. Aho, and Mr. and Mrs. Lahti.

The dance was successful due to the cooperation and hard work of the entire senior class and their adviser Eugene Lukoszyk.

Entertainment was provided during intermission by the AHS Girls' sextet singing "White Christmas" and "Winter Wonderland."

The Salk vaccine will prevent paralytic polio in three out of four cases, but scientists, through the March of Dimes, are seeking to increase this protection.

Workbooks Used

Workbooks! Something new in Junior history classes. Workbooks have been purchased to correspond with the new Junior history text, "The Making of Modern America," by Canfield and Wilder. By working daily in these, each student can work at his own rate and eliminate daily outside assignments.

The greater percentage of junior class members are happy with this arrangement and in favor of the present policy of doing all work in class

VFW Holds Contest

Mrs. J. W. McCrum, local VFW essay contest chairman, reminds students that the deadline for the essay contest is March 15. This year's topic is "America—Beacon of Hope."

Local prizes are: 1st prize, $15.00 and a Gold Medal; 2nd prize, $10.00; 3rd prize, $5.00.

Only one winner from each district will be selected.

Ed Hall, Judy Hein, Nancy Springer and Laddie Morfitt have been elected as officers for the newly formed Forensic club. Ed Hall is the president of the group while Mrs. Nedra Christensen acts as their adviser.

Students Form Forensic Club

Students interested in public speaking have formed a Forensic club. This is the first club of this type in the history of Astoria high school. To qualify for this club, you must have taken or be taking speech.

Newly elected offfcers of the club are **Ed Hall,** president; **Neil Morfitt,** vice president; **Nancy Springer,** secretary and **Judy Hein,** treasurer. Mrs. Nedra Christenson, speech instructor, is the advisor of the club.

The club was formed for the purpose of inter-school speech competition and the possibility of putting on one-act plays.

Members of the club have already represented Astoria in a state wide forensic tournament at Forest Grove but did not place beyond the preliminaries. Those who attended the contest were Billie Sphorer, Gayle Carpenter, Margaret Whitman, Ed Hall and Dennis Belcher.

The Forensic club also plans to have a small speech tournament with Seaside at Astoria on February 8, and to send representatives to a speech tournament in McMinnville, February 16, 17 and 18.

AHS Graduate Writes Teacher From Istanbul

From a student at AHS to a teacher at the American College for Girls, Istanbul, Turkey, is the course followed by Jo Schaad Roach, a 1936 graduate of AHS. Also a graduate of Oregon State College, Jo now teaches classes in physical education and journalism to girls ranging in age from 11 on up.

In a recent letter to Miss Curry, Jo told her how "students are permitted to leave their heads buried in the sand as far as the affairs of their own country and its relation to the world is concerned." Free discussions on current events, politics, religion, government policies and communism is not permitted on the campus.

The college sits on a hill overlooking the Bosphorous River and the hills of Asia as we overlook the Columbia and the hills of Washington. Miss Roach describes Istanbul as a teeming city, with architecture ranging from the modern Istanbul Hilton to the Blue Mosque.

Although the view from her home in Corvallis will seem "insignificant" in comparison to the one she now enjoys, it will be "none the less good"—when she returns.

There has been more polio in the past eight years than in the 30 years before.

Oldest Lineage Contest Open

The Astor Post is sponsoring a contest for the purpose of discovering the student whose lineage dates back to the earliest settlers in Clatsop county.

The only rules of this contest are that the material turned in must be factual and that the student has proof of these facts.

The contest begins January 17 and continues for five weeks. A winner will be picked every week, and out of these five weekly winners, one final will be picked. The final winner's name and picture will be published in the Astor Post.

Forms for this contest similar to the one appearing in the Astor Post may be picked up in front of the Astor Post room. Turn in the filled out forms at the same table.

Name of Student

Name of Ancestor

Born in Clatsop County

Arrived in Clatsop County

Verification

New Order Open to Girls

Recently organizing is the International Order of Job's Daughters, an organization of teen-age girls from 13-20 years, who are properly related to Master Masons.

The members engage in many projects such as financing help for the Shrine hospitals, polio sufferers, guide dogs for the blind and cancer clinics. The Order maintains an Educational Fund from which Daughters may borrow, without interest, money to complete their education. It offers many scholarships each year for outstanding members to continue their education at colleges and universities of their choice. One of the requirements of the organization is that officers and members attend church in a body at least once a term.

Social activities within the Bethel include drill teams, musical units, dramatic clubs, teas, receptions, formal and informal parties and dances.

Is This Your Life?

As you can see by this photo the mystery personality is one tough little hombre.

According to Mom sh% was a little busy-body who was always into mischief. If she wanted to see something she would push a chair across the floor while saying "Whata dat Whata dat" (her favorite expression).

One day she and her older sister were playing in the sand box. She threw a shovelful of sand in her sister's eyes and while Mom was busy cleaning

out sister's eyes the little busy-body took off up the highway right in front of an oncoming Portland bus.

Mom says she owes her gray hairs to the little monkey. Here's proof of her mischievousness (if you need any more!)

It was a typical day. The bundles of mischief started out on the right foot by opening a carton of eggs the milkman had just left and dropping them one by one down the front steps. The day was so hot they fried!

While poor Mom was busy cleaning up this mess the little busy-body went upstairs to the bathroom where she began experimenting with Mom's cosmetics. As a result the bathroom turned a very pretty shade of pink and the mystery character was very glamorous (especially with her bright pink hair).

Mom was very glad when she finally started to school at John Jacob Astor. You can be why when you consider that by this time there was a total of four girls in the family, two younger and one older than mystery character.

She has led a busy life in school. She has been a student-body officer besides winning several awards.

Have you guessed the mystery personality's identity yet? If not, here is another clue that might help. She's a freshman class officer and a very neat and able one too. She's been seen in the lower hall with a blond freshman boy who has d. iples!

Are you still stumped? Look in the ads!

Tommy Woodward, five, the 1956 March of Dimes Poster Boy, was hit by polio at 18 months—just as he was learning to walk.

EXCHANGE ST.

Astoria high's Boys' Booster club was recently mentioned in an exchange column of the Tiger from Battleground, Washington.

And from the Jeffersonian of Portland, via Van Nuys, Calif.

X=girl
Y=boy
Z=chaperone
2X+Y=adequacy
2Y+X=a fight
XY+Z= misery

Nancy Forest, former A.H.S. student, was a senior at Pendleton high school, was the object of an informative report in the Lantern, Pendleton's paper. This story told of her two heroics in rescues of persons in danger of drowning for which she received a Youth Safety award from the Moose lodge in Astoria in 1954.

From the Tillicum of The Dalles, Oregon—the definition of a kiss—A mouth full of nothing that tastes like heaven and sounds like a cow pulling her foot out of the mud.
My steady gal has jilted me
But it just leaves me yawning
I've been let down so many times
I feel just like an awning.
—Moscow, Idaho

And due to controversy on back to school night between parents and teachers on the amount of homework.
An assignment here
An assignment there
Home work soon
Fills the air
With books piled high
Upon the floor
Mom asks if we study
As school anymore!
—Linda Mortensen
Pendleton, Oregon

Now to leave you with this thought—

Why Newspapers Are Like Women—

Because they have forms.

Because they are bold face type.

Because they are easy to read.

Because they always have the last word.

Because back numbers are not in demand.

Because they have a great deal of influence.

Because they are well worth looking over.

Because they are thinner than they used to be.

Because they carry the news where ever they go.

Because they are not afraid to speak their mind.

Because if they know anything they usually tell it.

Because every man should have one of his own and not run after his neighbors.
—AHS—

EVENTS OF '55

Leave 'Moments To Remember' In Years To Come As Students Go Various Ways

By JOAN BLOMQUIST

Like everyone else in the world, AHS students have "Moments To Remember." Every month and every day during the past year brought new interests and activities, many of which we remember. Let's glance back and recall some of the activities.

Last January brought a new organization to the boys. The Boys' Federation was started by Bill Sporre.

Sweetheart Ball

Joanie Matthews reigned over the Sweetheart Ball. Remember the soft music and beautiful dresses and how cold that February day was? Astoria high has a new flag, thanks to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, who presented us with one last February.

Remember Mr. Lind, dressed in a graduation robe, and a sign around his neck as he worked for the Liberty Grill, which had bought him in the March of Dimes auction.

When the calender is turned to March, do you remember the State Tournament, all the fun, and then a letdown when all the excitement was over.

And, Juniors, can you call to mind all the fun and worries of putting on the Soph Hop?

Junior Prom

Don't forget the Junior Prom and the "Moonlight and Roses" with Marilyn Porter as queen on that April evening.

And who could ever forget the Student Body elections, all the campaigning and excitement? nd after it was all over you could tell by the beaming eyes or tear-dampened faces who had been the victors.

Can you still recall the "January Thaw" we had in May? The "January Thaw" that the Seniors presented in their class play?

Then came glorious June. Graduation for the Seniors, Regatta activities, and summer vacation, the loads of fun you had at club picnics and the scrawling of autographs in your friends' Zephyruses.

And then remember about three months later: all the new faces, new clothes, and new friends; the confused faces of the Freshmen trying desperately to find a class before the last bell and the self-satisfied looks on the sophomore's faces.

Homecoming

Then came October and Homecoming. The frantic work on floats, the beauty of Queen Reta's coronation, and the game and parade.

Do you remember how the seniors screamed when their float was given first place, and how the juniors' floats fell at being runner up? And it was that same month when the boys came up with another organization: the Boys' Booster club, which adds to the gaiety of the games.

Freezing weather and chilly snow came with the month of November. Then right in the middle of it came the Sadie Hawkins Dance, with all the girls coaxing one another to ask her true love. Can you remember how disappointed you were when it was postponed because of freezing weather and how joyful you were when it was on again?

Senior Ball

No one will forget December with its Senior Ball and the visit from Governor Paul Patterson.

Remember the New Year's Eve party you attended or the fun you had baby sitting.

Yes, remember all the fun and worries you had. Pray that next year you have more of the first and less of the second.

The laughter we were glad to share will echo through the years. When other nights and other days will find us gone our separate ways. **WE WILL HAVE THESE MOMENTS TO REMEMBER.**

The Polio Fight Today

Polio isn't licked yet!

These four words sum up the present state of the fight against infantile paralysis.

The Salk vaccine is a tremendous stride forward. Now, at long last, we have good reason to hope for the eventual control of polio. But a vaccine does not eliminate a disease overnight.

Tragic proof of this are the tens of thousands of Americans, many of them high school students, who were stricken

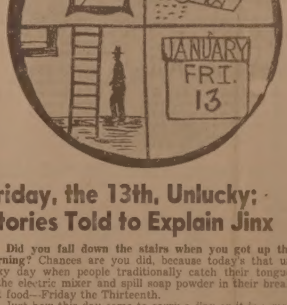
with polio during 1955. Today these most recent polio victims, along with those from former years—48,000 in all—require aid in their struggle to rebuild their lives. Thousands more will be hit by the disease before widespread use of the Salk vaccine can reduce the toll significantly.

For all these victims of polio—past, present and future—the March of Dimes stands ready to offer aid, no matter how great the cost. No limit is put on the value of a life. As much as $20,000 has been spent on a single patient.

Costly, too, is the training of hundreds of physical therapists, medical social workers and especially skilled nurses and physicians, all urgently needed to help restore polio patients to useful living.

Last year the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis bought vaccine for primary school children at the rate of 35 cents a dose—but the first shot of Salk vaccine cost $25,500,000 to produce. This vaccine is 6 per cent to 90 per cent effective. Scientists, working under March of Dimes grants, are today trying to learn whether an even more effective one can be developed.

Certainly this is a time of great promise in the long fight against polio. It is not a time for complacency or a let-down in effort. The March of Dimes needs and deserves your support. Give to it, as often and as generously as you are able.



Globetrotters Invade Armory

Many basketball minded AHS students recently witnessed a true basketball show as the Harlem Globetrotters invaded the Armory. These world famous basketball magicians easily turned back another professional team, the House of David, by the score of 72-63. The game and halftime vaudeville acts were viewed by a near-capacity crowd of 2100. Led by Stanley "Chico" Burrel, and towering 6' 8" J. C. Gibson, the Trotters had little trouble overcoming the Israelite quintet.

It was announced that day after the game that the Globetrotters would probably visit Astoria again in February of 1957.

The Jaywees dropped their second consecutive ball game to the intramural league all-stars 50-40 in the preliminary contest.

January Games

13—Marshfield—there
14—North Bend—there
18—Tillamook—here
21—Clatskanie—there
27—Central Catholic—here
31—Milwaukie—there

Warning Given Male Students

Happy New Year! And I do mean a happy one to all females! You men had better head for cover because this is the year when the girls can have their turn at doing the asking. It's 365 times worse than any Sadie Hawkins day!

Of course the only physical difference between '55 and '56 is that '56 has an extra day, February 29. But physical differences aren't the only ones.

Tradition rules that during leap year, the girls can do the pursuing. Tradition was so strong in Scotland that the people even made a law about it! Passed way back when, the law ruled that during leap year a woman could propose to any unattached man, who must marry her or be brought before the courts.

Strange as it may seem, this law is still in effect! Now wait a minute, girls! Before you head for Scotland, just consider the large population of this country in comparison with Scotland's.

Even if this country's rules about leap year are not so rigid, think of the endless opportunities the traditions afford! AHS will have a girl-ask-boy leap year dance in recognition of the year but girls needn't stop there. This is a big year, girls; make the most of it and good luck!

Friday, the 13th, Unlucky; Stories Told to Explain Jinx

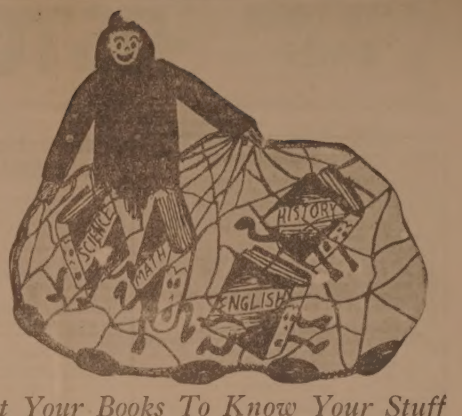
Did you fall down the stairs when you got up this morning? Chances are you did, because today's that unlucky day when people traditionally catch their tongues in the electric mixer and spill soap powder in their breakfast food—Friday the Thirteenth.

Just how this day came to carry a jinx on it is a matter of speculation. Many stories have been told to explain it, and one of the most believable perhaps is the one following:

There once was a man named Curuso, sometimes called Robinson. He met a girl named Friday, married her, had thirteen children, which he couldn't afford, and ended up in the poorhouse.

None the less believable, however, is the story of the Cannibal king and his wife. It seems wifey dear, whose name was Unga. (That doesn't have anything to do with the story; just thought you might like to know) wanted to go to the market, but the people always made a fuss when they saw the queen at the market. So our noble queen disguised herself . Now when the people saw this juicy little morsel, they caught her and boiled her, and the king ate her for dinner. When the king found out he had just eaten his wife, he wasn't too put out, mainly since he had nine more wives anyway. But he put a curse on Friday the 13th, and especially on people who eat people on that day.

In closing—you will do well to remember a few rules: **Avoid ladders, high windows, mirrors, and above all, don't eat anybody!**



Net Your Books To Know Your Stuff

Scene—Conflict going on in the mind o a student taking an exam.

Characters: Temptation and Conscience.

The curtain rises:

Temptation: "No one will know if you cheat. The gal in front is pretty smart. And her answers are right under your nose."

Conscience: "Maybe no one will find out if you cheat but what about your grade?"

Temptation: "Your grade does not need a boost. This is the perfect occasion. Boy! will your card beam with a nice A."

Conscience: "A high grade is worthless without knowledge."

Temptation: "Aah, what's the difference this one time? You've got plenty of time for studying later. Anyway who needs to study? When you're a big frat man your grades won't make the least difference.

Conscience: "Won't make the least difference? O.K., you big adorable fraternity guy, just where are you going to be without good grades? Your nice frat brothers will see you're not in their house any longer."

Temptation: "So what. you've got plenty of time until you start college. Play first, work later."

Conscience: "Grades are also necessary to get into school."

Temptation: "We'll there's time enough in the senior year."

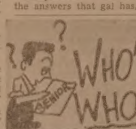
Conscience: "Sure, wait till then: It'll be nice to see you around town after you graduate from here. You have to make grades all the way through high school."

Temptation: "Well,—from all the answers that gal has, I bet she didn't watch T.V. last night, boy. Didn't you just love "It's a Grea. Life" and "I Love Lucy."

Conscience: "What good is TV on this test. It sure isn't helping you. I bet you've only filled one blank in on your own. And that's one out of 30."

Temptation: "Heck! she didn't see any TV shows."

THE CURTAIN FALLS.



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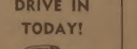
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SPORTS

Sports Spot

By NEIL MORFITT

In a recent issue of the Pacific Lutheran college paper, Freddy Miller, sports columnist, told what the athletic leader stands for. But he couldn't understand why athletes of different caliber should be placed on the same level along with managers or "chore boys" as he called them.

At AHS the navy blue sweater and the gold varsity letter have long been looked upon with respect. When you see a boy walking down the hall with his letterman's sweater on, you naturally look up to him. You should show him the respect that is due a person who has worked hard at his particular sport for months at a time and has played in the required quarters or compiled the required points.

At high school the major sports are football, basketball, baseball, golf, and track. To win a varsity football or basketball letter you must play in at least half the quarters in the varsity games. Baseball players must participate in a third of the innings, while golfers and trackmen must win a certain number of points. Managers of these major spirts also receive a varsity letter.

This is only a bare outline of the work and long hours of practice that are necessary to win a varsity "A".

The football team starts practice during the last week of August and continues until early November. These practices usually last about two hours and are held in all types of weather. Only about 20 boys receive a varsity letter while 20 or 25 more go through the same hard ordeal without winning a letter.

Basketball is a little more rewarding as far as receiving a letter goes. Usually all the members of the 12-man varsity squad earn letters. On the other hand, though, the varsity basketball team can only carry a 12-man squad.

Baseball and track are at a disadvantage in that the seasons are usually cut short by the poor weather conditions in the spring. Golf, the newest of the major sports, is also hindered by poor weather conditions.

To get back to the question that Freddy Miller brought up: a hard one to explain if it can be explained at all. Many people wonder why managers are awarded a letter on the same level as the players. A manager, while not participating in the athletic contest, plays a major role in the sports scene. For example, the basketball manager must make sure that all the equipment and medical supplies are in place. He must be able to tape ankles and take care of minor injuries. Probably his most important job is in the preparation for a trip. He must pack the trunk which includes two sets of uniforms, warm-ups, shoes, socks, supporters, and ankle wraps. He also must bring the balls, medical kit and scorebook. These, along with other smaller tasks, require all of his after school time. Managers don't consider themselves on the same level as the ballplayers, but they work as hard as they possibly can in aiding the team. Others can't compare the different sports on the same level. All athletics are specialized. For example, a boy may be able to block and tackle terrifically but the same boy can't swing a golf club. Each athlete has his own sport that he excells in.

Many coaches like to give a varsity letter to all the boys who come to practice night after night and who try their utmost without receiving any public recognition or earning a letter. Remember that whether you like a boy personally or not, if he participates in a major sport for your school, you should give him the respect that is due a person who represents not only your school but who also represents you on the athletic field.

Portland State college has recently organized a soccer team. . . . Ed Hall got a big surprise when he, Tom Wells, and Jim Lopakka drove off the first tee at the Astoria links last Saturday morning. Hall, who hadn't played golf since last summer, hit a tremendous drive 250 yards straight down the fairway. Lopakka stepped up next and made a nice 210 yarder. Hall, who had been playing throughout the fall, stepped up and hit, to his dismay, a high pop fly about 50 feet down the wrong fairway.

League Games Continue

The Intramural Basketball league is starting its fourth week of play. The first three weeks saw Captain Larry Battles' Police Reserve team and the Steinbock Pharmacy club, led by captain Jim Brecht, tied for first place. Larry Battles has the most number of points in one game so far this season with 31 points.

The following is the league games for the remainder of the month of January.

Tuesday, January 17
Lloyds vs. Lions.
Police Department vs. Police Reserve.

Thursday, January 19—
Lovells vs. Harv and Al's.
Uptegrove vs. Thrifty.

Tuesday, January 24
Plywood vs. Steinbocks.
Elks vs. Link's.

Wednesday, January 25
Lloyd's vs. Police Reserve.
Police Department vs. Harv and Al's.

Thursday, January 26
Lovells vs. Thrifty.
Uptegrove vs. Steinbocks.

VCL Renames

A new name has been given the Valley Coast league. In the coming basketball league play the Metropolitan will be the league the Fighting Fishermen will be in. This league will consist of the same team as AHS has played in the past, Milwaukie, Gresham, Central Catholic, Parkrose. In this league Astoria and Parkrose are the only schools under 1000 enrollment.

Next year three new teams will enter the Metro-league action, these being Beaverton and Hillsboro of the TVL both being over 1000 in population, and David Douglas, an independent will also enter this league. Douglas has an enrollment of 1850.

Seaside Toppled Twice

Coach Ward Paldanius' crew of Fighting Fishermen shooted their season record to seven wins and a single loss when they downed the Seaside Seals the second time in as many nights 47-39 at Seaside, December 9. The Gulls made a desperate attempt to salvage the game in its late stages and even forged ahead in the fourth period on a keyhole shot by Roger Hall, but the lost the score at 36-37 for Seaside.

Astoria shot a cold .286 aver age while the Gulls compiled an even colder .237 shooting average. Seaside failed to net a field goal in the first quarter and scored only six points on field goals in the second quarter. The Gulls made their other 12 points in the first half on gift shots.

The initial period ended with the Fishermen ahead 10-6; the half stood at 27-18 for Astoria, and the third stanza finished 33-31, with Seaside nudging the leading Fishermen.

The scoring was as follows:

Astoria, 47	FG	FT	PF	TP
Thompson	8	4- 8	2	16
Harstrom	0	3- 6	2	3
Manners	1	2- 3	3	4
Reef	5	1- 2	1	11
Norgaard	2	3- 3	1	7
Vuihkola	2	3- 2	3	6
Totals	16	15-24	14	47

Seaside, 39				
Hall	3	8- 9	3	14
Dickson	2	0- 1	3	4
Vermuel	3	3- 5	4	9
Phillips	4	1- 3	2	9
Maine	0	0- 1	2	0
Lawson	0	3- 4	2	3
Totals	12	15-23	16	39

Fishermen Down Teddies

A small crowd of 1200 people cheered Astoria's Fighting Fishermen on to their seventh straight win by the count of 58-43 over the Teddies of Roosevelt.

The Teddies started things off with four gifters from the free throw line before Astoria could get started. Astoria was behind at the end of the first quarter by the score of 14-10.

The second quarter saw the Fishermen bounce ahead by a 23-18 score. This second quarter attack was led by Ralph Norgaard. He tallied nine points for the evening but played an excellent defensive game.

By the end of the third quarter the Fishermen had built up a nine point lead. The score stood 40-31.

The final quarter saw lots of substitutions by both teams and the subs played almost as good a game as the starters. By the end of the game Astoria had built up a 15 point lead.

AHS Posts Win Over Roosevelt

Coach Ward Paldanius' Fighting Fishermen racked up their fifth win in six starts by trouncing the Roosevelt Roughriders of Portland 47-32.

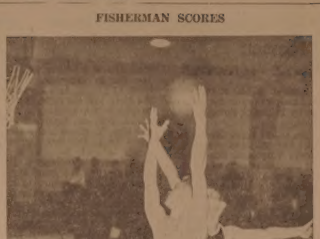
Astoria controlled the backboards and penetrated the Roosevelt zone defense to gain a 22-19 margin at halftime.

It took the Teddies 6 minutes to score a point in the second half, but in the last quarter they caught fire and narrowed the margin.

After the sixth game of the season Astoria's offensive average is 53 points compairred to a 41.5 defensive average.

Again Jim Thompson led the attack with 17 counters, followed by Darrel Reef and Fred Hartstrom with 10 points each.

FISHERMAN SCORES



Gary Manners, Astoria's giant center, is shown above putting up a sho from the left side of the key during the Astoria-Roosevelt game last Friday night. Astoria won the game 58-43.

AHS Tramples Tillamook

The Astoria Fishermen led by Fred Hartstrom, Darrell Reef, and Jim Thompson dumped the Tillamook Cheesemakers 41-33 in a game played on the Tillamook maple.

The first quarter saw both teams very cold and all they could get between the two teams was 5 points as Astoria led 4-2.

In the second quarter the Fishermen broke loose and scored 13 points to Tillamook's 8. At the end of the first half Tillamook had only scored two field goals. The score at intermission was 17-10 in favor of the Fishermen.

The third and fourth quarter were perhaps the most exciting quarters in the ball game. Bob Spencer, Tillamook forward, made a total of 10 points in the hectic fourth quarter to score all but five of the Mook points in that quarter.

Bob Spencer of the Mooks lead scorers throughout the entire game with 14 points. Fred Hartstrom, Darrell Reef and Jim Thompson lead the Astoria attack.

For the first ten games of the season the Fishermen have averaged 51 points a game to their opponents 40 points a game.

The scoring fo, the Tillamook game:

Astoria, 41	Tillamook 33
Hartstrom, 12	Riggert, 3
Thompson, 11	Spencer, 14
Manners, 2	Mackey, 3
Norgaard, 2	Johnson, 3
Reef, 12	Jacob, 9
Vuihkola, 2	

JIM THOMPSON

Top Scorer

Jim Thompson, captain of the '55-'56 AHS basketball team is now the leading scorer as he has tallied 126 points in the first eight games of which te Fisermen have won seven. This gives Jim a 15.8 average for the first third of the season. Thompson, the only senior in the starting lineup, is playing his last season for Ward Paldanius.

Fishermen Trip Cards

Accurate shooting and good ball handling overcame Lincoln's tight zone defense and height advantage as the AHS Fishermen squeezed past the Cardinals 46-41 on the Armory floor, December 16.

With the score being tied 10 times the tension ran high for three quarters. Lincoln, with center Andre LaBorde at 6-6 and forward Berk Holman at 6-5 had the height over the Astorians.

Leading the Fishermen attack were Jim Thompson with 13 points, Fred Hartstrom with 12 points, and John Vuihkola with 10.

The win gave Astoria a 3-1 record on the young season.

Fishermen Tangle With Marshfield

Tonight will be a big night for the Astoria Fighting Fishermen as they meet the Marshfield Pirates on the Pirates home floor. Up to this date the Pirates have won 4 and lost 2 and will be out to end the Fisherman's 7 game winning streak. Bruce Hoffine's Pirates have been steadily improving after having suffered two early season losses, one at the hands of Medford 31-40 and the other to Longview.

Last year was the first year that the Pirates have not gone to the state tournament, even thought they had a good team which received much experience last year. Of the 12 man squad, 6 are lettermen; 4 of them are starters from last year's quintet which posted a respectable 16-10 record. Marshfield should prove to be one of the best teams that the Fishermen will be up against this season.

This group of athletes as you will see are a group of very talented, natural ball players, as three of the starting five were All-State Football players and all of the starters were on the starting lineup for the state champion MHS football team.

The probable starting lineup:

1. Sandy Fraser, 6-2 185 lb. Senior. Plays forward, third as a regular; All State quarterback.

2. Hardy Spurgeon, 6-2 184 pound sophomore plays forward. Transfer Coquille high school where he was a regular as a freshman. Also was a regular in football.

3. Barry Bullard, 6-4 216 pound junior. Plays center. Second year on varsity; he is murder on the backboard; he also was an all state tackle this last grid season.

4. Roger Johnson, 6-2 184 pound junior, plays guard, this is his third year on as a regular, also was regular halfback this season.

5. Denny Baker, 5-8 190 pound senior, smallest man on the squad. Third year on varsity and second as a regular. All State halfback.

VCL Leaguers Riding High

As this paper goes to press the VCL league mates have been doing fairly well.

The Milwaukie Mustangs, dropping their first game of the season, have been riding high after tripping up Oregon City and a fast moving North Salem squad by wide margins. Eddie Grosenbacher, fleetfooted Mustang guard, has led his team to several court victories this year.

Central Catholic, of Portland, still missing their 6-6 center Jim Altenhoffen, seem doing so well this year. Altenhoffen isn't expected to be back in the Central lineup until late in the season. The sophomore sensation of last year is sufferi-g from a broke. ankle.

Little is known about the Gresham Gophers to date. They recently dropped a game to the Roosevelt Roughriders, the same team which the Fishermen beat 47-32 on December 20 in Portland.

Parkrose, another Portland team, is recently edged by Benson, also of Portland, by the decisive score of 56 to 38. Bronc center, Ron Walp, has been the mainstay in the Parkrose attack.

Scores:
Milwaukie 58, North Salem 49.

Parkrose 38, Benson 56.
Milwaukie 45, Oregon City 39.

Central Catholic , Dallas 58.
Roosevelt 54, Gresham 47.
Parkrose 51, Washington 45.

LEAD JAYVEES

Dick Safley Bill Loomis

Bill Loomis and Dick Safley are the current leaders of Astoria's Junior Fishermen. Safley leads the scorers with a nine-game total of 81 points for an average of nine counters pe. game. Loomis leads the defensive attack of the JV's with the most rebounds.

TROPHY WINNER

TOM WELLS

Wells Wins Golf Award

The first golf trophy won in the history of Astoria high school was awarded last Thursday, January 5. The trophy was won by Tom Wells last spring in the annual Valley Coast League golf tournament. Wells shot an even par round of 72 at the Glendoveer golf course to lead the field of 30 players. After shooting a one above par on the front nine of 37, he fired a sizzling one under par 35 on the second nine to close out his perfect round.

Since the trophy is a personal award more than a school award, it will remain in the trophy case until Wells graduates. At that time he will be allowed to take it.

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Class, Club Notes

Radio Club Calls All Hams

Back at Astoria high, this time as head scalpel wielder in the biology department, was Mrs. Josephine Swanson, who replaced regular teacher, Harry Gross, during his week's absence.

"Don't be a soul note!" is the warning that has been extended to all members of the a capella choir by their officers. To relieve talking and other disturbances during explanations and between numbers a new disciplinary system was adopted by the choir on the recommendation of their officers. Starting January 9, every Friday a "blacklist" will be posted bearing the names of offenders. Three offenses and the choir member will be dropped, or, as President Bob Bentiy put it: "Three times and you've had it, brother!"

Calling all hams. Calling all hams. Here's your chance to get some extra fun out of your hobby. How? Join the Astoria High School Amateur Radio club. There has been a slight difficulty in getting things rolling due to a lack of interested students says Mr. Scott, advisor. If you are not already a ham, why not become one? There's a lot of fun and valuable experience to be gained and nothing to lose. Think it over.

The early bird gets the worm, they say. Hope Roger Weld didn't get a worm in the apple that he gave Miss Curry, complete with large flag proclaiming same, because this bird was plenty early, since grades don't come out for several weeks yet.

Madrigals, Choir Broadcast, Carol

The Madrigals sang over KVAS December 19 for a special Christmas broadcast.

The 10 high school students presented seven Christmas songs, including "Joy to the World", "Holy Day Holly Carol," "Silent Night", "Lo How a Rose", "O Come All Ye Faithful", and "Ding Dong Merrily on High" The Madrigals are under the direction of William Melton.

Astoria high's a capella choir caroled throughout the city December 20 from 6:30 p. m. to 8:30 p. m.

Among the places visited by the choir were the Astoria Nursing home, the St. Marys and Columbia hospitals, and several private residences. At each stop the choir members were received warmly.

To round off the evening of singing, the choir was invited to the Elks for refreshments of hot chocolate and doughnuts. The songsters responded by singing Christmas carols to the Elk members after which there was a period of dancing.

On January 22, 1789, the first American novel, **The Power of Sympathy** by "Philenia" (Mrs. Sarah Wentworth Morton) was published.

There will only be three more PTA meetings this year. All parents are urged to attend these meetings as the new school plans are to be discussed.

Alums in the News

Pederson Earns Promotion

Several A.H.S. alumni have had their names in the news recently in papers throughout the state.

An article about Oregon families now stationed overseas, by Carlos Turpeinen, was featured on the society page of the Sunday Journal. Carlos, who was shown at a sidewalk cafe in Paris, has found that his former Astor Post reporting is coming in handy while he is stationed abroad with the air force.

From the Oregon Daily Emerald, the University of Oregon newspaper, comes the announcement that '53 graduate Pete Pederson has been promoted in the army ROTC to a master sergeant.

Gail Ostrom, class of '55, and Ruth Ann Fedge, a former Astorian, received an unexpected dunking in Deer Creek, near Salem, recently when their boat capsized. Gail swam to shore, while six other girls rescued Ruth Ann, according to an account of the incident which appeared in The Oregonian. Both girls are students at Willamette university.

Friday Reports Accident

My name's Friday, I am a cop. It is a thankless job, but you get to know people—all kinds of people. All's I want is the facts just the facts. It happened on 16th by Astoria high school. Who was involved? Jim and Mrs. W. Whose fault? Well, that's up to the jury. All my job is to do is to bring them in. The time's important! Did anyone notice the exact time? Louise Makinen, editor of the A. P. (Astor Post), like all good newspaper people, was on the spot. She recorded the time as 9:30 a. m., Thursday, December 22. Nice Christmas present. Yea, real nice.

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